



## Luis Quintero was enjoyed by music aficionados at the Marriott on Sunday

A long time visitor to Aruba, the haunting music of classic guitarist performer Luis Quintero again filled the halls of the Marriott Resort and Stellaris Casino as he performed in the Ballroom on Sunday morning, January 15. Quintero, who hails from Venezuela, is a very popular performer in Aruba, and extra seats were required for the many music enthusiasts that came to see and listen to him. The program included works by such noted composers as Simon Diaz, Antonio Lauro, Romulo Lazarde, Vincente Emilio Sojo. A highlight of the concert was “El Laureado,” composed by Quintero, in homage to Antonio Lauro.

Luis Quintero is very admired and loved in Aruba, having performed and given workshops several times over the last twenty years. He is the only Latin American who finalized his postgraduate studies at the Julliard School of Music in New York on a scholarship from the school.

Considered a premier representative of the “Grand School of Venezuelan Guitarists,” Luis Quintero has performed in sold out concerts in many of the largest cities of the United States, Europe, Latin America, Asia and Africa.

Quintero’s accolades include the Antonia Lauro Biennial Prize for Professional Interpreters and the Rodrigo Riero Concours, amongst many others. He has produced five best-selling CD’s including his latest, and anthology of classic Latin guitar titled “Joyas Venezolanoa,” or “Venezuelan Gems,” This consists of a mix of the best of classic Latin composers for the guitar, and comprised his Sunday morning program. His loving wife, Flor was in attendance to handle the brisk business in CD’s that were available to his devoted fans during the intermission.

One of the concert organizers from the Aruba Art Circle described Luis Quintero Santamaria as an “Honorary Aruban” he is so popular on the island, and has so much become a part of the cultural scene. Even Ike Cohen, owner of the Mancebo Beach Resort, and a well known music lover and connoisseur could not resist the concert, despite his age and frailty. Since the age of twenty, Luis Quintero has inspired islanders with the “force of his fingers” and virtuosity, and Sunday’s concert was no exception.